

RAFTS

Helping good writers stay afloat!

- R.** Role of the writer – helps the writer decide on point of view and voice.
- A.** Audience for the piece of writing – reminds the writer that he or she must communicate ideas to someone else; helps the writer determine content and style.
- F.** Format of the material – helps the writer organize ideas and employ format conventions for letters, interviews, story problems, and other kinds of writing.
- T.** Topic or subject of the piece of writing – helps the writer to zero in on main ideas and narrow the focus of the writing.
- S.** Strong verb – directs the writer to the writing purpose (e.g., to persuade, analyze, create, predict, compare, defend, or evaluate), and thus directs the “action” of the writing.